

Mr. C. Kumara Das : I cannot give any definite information.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai) : May I know the approximate estimates of the work ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : They are being prepared now.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : Then, has the sum of Rs. 48,447-4-0 been spent for field work alone ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Yes, Sir.

Pampayar Scheme.

156. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent so far under the Pampayar Scheme?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Rs. 48,447-4-0.

Irrigation tank in Aranmula pakuthi.

157. ***Mr. K. S. Joseph (Mavelikara and Thiruvella cum Pathanamthitta) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they received in 1116 M. E., any petition from the paddy field owners in Laka Vayal padam, Aranmula pakuthi praying that the irrigation tank and the channel supplying it with water may be deepened and widened by removing encroachments or otherwise ;

(b) what steps if any were taken ;

(c) what stage it had reached ; and

(d) why no further steps were taken?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (a) Yes.

(b), (c) & (d) The necessary investigations were conducted and an estimate is under preparation.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : May I know whether this work will be included in this year's irrigation work?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : That will be considered.

Ryots' Road Rules.

158. ***Mr. K. S. Joseph :** Will the Government be pleased :

(a) to lay on the table a copy of the 'Ryots' Road Rules' ;

(b) to state how many Societies have been registered under those rules ;

(c) when those rules were framed ; and

(d) how many miles of the ryots' roads were taken under departmental maintenance (i) before the rules were framed and (ii) after?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (a) A copy of the Rules is laid on the Secretary's table.

(b) No co-operative Societies.

(c) 1922.

(d) 240 miles and 3100 feet of Ryots' roads have been taken under maintenance. Information regarding the lengths taken before and after the Rules were framed is not available.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : With reference to answer (d), I may say that my question was whether any society was registered under the rules, not Co-operative Societies alone.

Mr. C. Kumara Das : No society is registered.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Is it because of the difficulty of the conditions in the Ryots' Road Rules?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Whether it is because of the difficulties or whether it is because there is no society which is willing to register, we do not know.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Is the honourable member aware that there is no provision under which such society could be registered under the Registration Department or under the Joint Stock Companies Rules?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : There is a provision in the Rules allowing registration on payment of a certain registration fee under the Companies Regulations—Section 26.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : But the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies refuses to register it under the Rules on the ground that the fees are not sufficient according to those Rules. Is it not because of that, that the Companies are not registered?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : That has not been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : I had brought it to the notice once but then I had no rules with me.

Mr. C. Kumara Das : It will be considered.

Chief Engineer.

159. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have given permission at any time to the present Chief Engineer to stay outside the State and at the same time carry on the duties of his office here ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative the number of days he was outside the State ; and

(c) the total number of days he has taken leave after taking charge as Chief Engineer?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (a) Yes.

(b) 13 and 12 days each on two occasions.

(c) 7 days casual leave in 1120 M. E. and
8 days casual leave in 1121 M. E.